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FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY LATEST INFORMATION OBTAINED ON WATER  
DIVERSION IRAN-IRAQ BORDER AREAS.

DIVERSION DAM AND FOUR METER CANAL COMPLETED 1958 AT QASR-I-SHIRIN  
REPORTEDLY DESIGNED TAKE ONE CUBIC METER WATER ALVAND RIVER  
FOR CITY AND IRRIGATION PLUS DIVERSION APPROXIMATELY THREE  
METERS GENERATE ELECTRICITY, AFTER WHICH WATER RELEASED TO  
IRAQ. FLOW OF ALVAND THIS POINT ESTIMATED 40 TO 50 CUBIC  
METERS IN SPRING AND 5 METERS IN DRY SEASON.

SURVEY TEAM FROM IRRIGATION INSTITUTE (BONGAH) RECENTLY  
 VISITED DASHT-I-ZUHA, FERTILE PLAIN ALONG ALVAND RIVER EAST  
 OF QASR-I-SHIRIN, TO STUDY POSSIBILITY DEVELOPMENT GROUND  
 WATER OR FURTHER DIVERSION FROM ALVAND.

DIVERSION DAM AND TUNNEL UNDER CONSTRUCTION TO USE WATER OF  
 KUNIAM CHAM RIVER FOR IRRIGATION NEAR MEHRAN AT IRAQI BORDER  
 VICINITY 33 DEGREES N 46 DEGREES E. EMBASSY RELIABLY INFORMED  
 PROJECT NOT ECONOMICALLY JUSTIFIED.

INSOFAR AS KNOWN ALL PROJECTS UNDER DEVELOPMENT IN BORDER AREAS  
 BELONG TO PLAN ORGANIZATION AND IRRIGATION INSTITUTE. NO  
 US PARTICIPATION BEYOND ONE INSTANCE OF ADVISORY ASSISTANCE  
 TO COMMITTEE ON MEHRAN AREA. DESPATCH WILL FOLLOW.

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